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SUBJECT: GOSL CONDEMNS ISRAEL

REF FREETOWN 1765 (NOTAL)

1. ACTING PRESIDENT X.I. KOROMA YESTERDAY CALLED IN ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TOFORMALLY PRESENT FOLLOWING GOSL STATEMENT: QUOTE THE SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE TRAGIC DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS IN THE MIDDLE EAST INVOLVING GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

THE SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT HEREBY CONDEMNS IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL

WHOSE INTRANSIGENCE HAS PRECIPITATED THE CURRENT HOSTILITIES.

THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE HEREBY CALLS UPON ALL THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT TO OBSERVE THE CEASEFIRE APPEAL MADE BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND CALLS UPON ISRAEL IN PARTICULAR TO FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA BY FORTHWITH COMPLYING WITH THE PROVISION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 OF 1967 WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS, CONDITIONS OR PREINTERPRETATIONS AND IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAWING FROM ALL ARAB COUNTRIES OCCUPIED AS A RESULT OF THE JUNE 1967 WAR. UNQUOTE.

2. TOUGHENING OFFICIAL

POSITION OVER THAT TAKEN BY PRESIDENT STEVENS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM COUNTRY (REFTEL) RESULT OF PRESSURES BY LOCAL LEBANESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND LEADERS OF LEBANESE COMMUNITY. AFTER CALL BY LEBANESE ON ACTING PRES, SPECIAL CABINET MEETING WAS CONVENED WHERE FOREGOING STATEMENT DRAFTED.

3. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR RELIEVED BY CONTENT GOSL STATEMENT AS HE FEARED THAT INCREASED PRESSURE FROM LEBANESE COMMUNITY MIGHT RESULT IN BREAK OF RELATIONS. ACTING PRIME MINISTER KAMARA-TAYLOR REPORTEDLY KEY FIGURE IN DISUADING EVENLY SPLIT CABINET FROM DECIDING ON BREAK. ACTING PM HAD EARLIER TOLD LEBANESE DELEGATION WHEN IT CALLED ON HIM THAT GOSL WOULD NOT TAKE SIDES BUT UNEQUIVOCALLY SUPPORTED UN RESOLUTION 242.
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